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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ficco et al. (US Pub. No. 2002/0054750).

3. Consider claim 1. Ficco et al. teaches a method of generating and displaying in a remote display device indicia representative of a user command, or status information associated with a playback or recorder device (pg. 2, para. 0038), with a plurality of digitally encoded pictures that are decoded by the display device (pg. 5, para. 0066; figs. 3 and 5), the method comprising the steps of: receiving a digitally encoded video signal having a plurality of pictures (pg. 5, para. 0072); generating a digitally encoded indicia representing the user command or status information; modifying at least one picture from the plurality of pictures by replacing at least a portion of the picture with the digitally encoded indicia such that the indicia can be decoded and displayed when the picture is decoded and displayed by the remote display device; and transmitting the digitally encoded video signal including the modified picture to the display device (pg. 8, para. 0098; figs. 10a-10c, 11a, 11b, 12e, 13a, and 13b).

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4. Apparatus claim 12 is rejected for the same reason as discussed in the corresponding method claim above.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 2-11 and 13-17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- a. US Pat. No. 6,005,562
- b. US Pat. No. 6,788,710
- c. US Pat. No. 5,936,667
- d. US Pat. No. 6,609,253
- e. US Pat. No. 6,034,738
- f. US Pat. No. 6,758,540

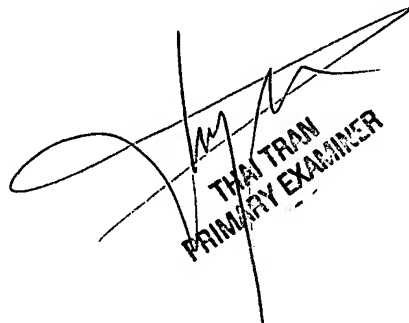
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